



RECEIVED

1646

SEP 10 2002

#8c

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

9/17/02

Patent Docket P2548P1C9

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kevin P. Baker et al.

Serial No.: 09/944449

Filed: 8/30/2001

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Examiner: Not yet assigned

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

August 26, 2002

[Signature] Yvonne Carter

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above captioned patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

In the specification:

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, line 2:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of, and claims priority under 35 USC §120 to, US Application 09/866028 filed 5/25/2001, which is a continuation of, and claims priority under 35 USC §120 to, PCT Application PCT/US99/28301 filed 12/1/1999, which claims priority under 35 USC §119 to US Provisional Application 60/113296 filed 12/22/1998, where PCT/US99/28301 is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority under 35 USC §120 to, US Application 09/254311 filed 3/3/1999, now abandoned, which is the National Stage filed under 35 USC §371 of PCT Application PCT/US98/25108 filed

Patent Docket: P2548P1C9

Serial No.: 09/944449

Filed: 8/30/2001

12/1/1998, which claims priority under 35 USC §119 to US Provisional Application 60/069702 filed

12/16/1997.--
